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Nevrokop Airfield

1. approximately 200 Air Force men worked
on levelling Nevrokop airfield. This field has been in continuous operation
since the end of April 1952. 50X1-HUM
2. As of late April 1952, twelve airplanes were based at Nevrokop airfield. Ten
of the planes were single-engine, with two cockpits. Six of these were of
German manufacture, and four were Soviet. One of the planes had three engines
and it was an RE-2. The 12 planes were always parked at
the northwest corner of the airfield. 50X1-HUM
3. construction was started on a building in the northwest corner
of the airfield. South of this location, under some trees, there were tents
for 250 soldiers and 30 officers. 200 of the soldiers
were Trudovaks working on the airfield. 50X1-HUM
4. In the vicinity of the northeast corner of the airfield,
there is antiaircraft artillery piece, covered by a tarpaulin. 50X1-HUM

Military Information from the Koprivlen Area

5. The Border Guard komandatura at Koprivlen (N4132 E2347) has zastavas located
as follows:
 - a. Godeshevo (N4126 E2333);
 - b. Paril (N4126 E2342);

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- c. Nova Lovcha (N4125 E2340);
 - d. Stargatsi (sic);
 - e. Libyakhovo (N4128 E2348);
 - f. Petralik (N4129 E2351); and
 - g. Teplen (N4129 E2356).
6. In 1951, trenches with machine gun and artillery emplacements were constructed on the hills southwest and southeast of Koprivlen.
 7. A minefield has been laid at location N412730 E234950, on the Nevrokop-Drama road. The minefield was laid to hinder detours from the road.
 8. Approximately three kilometers from Koprivlen, on the road to Nova Lovcha, an antitank obstacle has been constructed. A ditch 150 meters long, five meters wide, and two meters deep has been excavated at right angles to the road. On the left side of the road there is a natural ditch which extends approximately 350 meters from the road. This ditch is between five and 50 meters wide, and two to 30 meters deep.

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